

## IMPORTANT CAPE HORN MEDAL

An important Cape Horn medal recently appeared on eBay, offered by **artmedals**. It was described as:

“Diameter: 68 mm, Weight: 170 gr, Edge/Relief: 6 mm

France, **INSTITUT DE FRANCE MISSION SCIENTIFIQUE DU CAP HORN 1882-1883**, original Award medal in copper, in excellent condition as scanned, edge marked with horn of plenty\* (Paris mint) + “**CUIVRE**”, with red leather box.

A rare medal for the famous Cape Horn scientific mission awarded to Mr Pelissier who was First Mechanic.”



This event is documented in “*Uttermost Part of the Earth*” by E. Lucas Bridges. Mr. Bridges was the son of an early missionary to the Falklands and Tierra del Fuego. He describes the French visit as follows:

“The Italian Expedition of 1882 was followed by a scientific mission sent by the French Ministry of Marine. They arrived in Fuegian waters in a gunboat, the *Romanche*, and set up their temporary home at Orange Bay, on the southernmost peninsula of Hoste Island, one of the most desolate spots to be found in that rugged, rain-washed land.

“On the shore of this sheltered cove, which lies about ten miles north of False Cape Horn, the Frenchmen speedily erected huts from the framework, boards, windows and corrugated iron brought with them in the *Romanche*. They also built shelters for their telescopes and other instruments.

“The primary object of this visit was to observe and photograph the transit of Venus, which was expected to take place the following year. Apart from this undertaking, the scientists were as busy as ants. For these fine men there was no spectacular race for glory or any startling adventure, but only incessant work under the generally trying climatic conditions. For all that, they carried on cheerfully through what must have been to them, unaccustomed as they were to the rigours of the country, the greatest hardships.

“Having a fine meteorological observatory, they noted weather conditions, studied vegetation on land and sea, and the infinitely varied life that inhabited both. For every branch of science there were professors or students. There were also two medical doctors, who made a study of the Yahgan natives.....”



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# EDITOR'S COMMENTS

It has been a busy summer, with all the trips back east and working on the picnic shelter (see next page). It is now time for a break.

Jan and I are taking a road trip to Homer this weekend. We have not been down that way in several years, or to Homer for more than 10 years. It is a long drive, probably about 12 hours from Fairbanks. If I find anything of interest, I will report on it in the next issue.

As I am sure many have noticed, the last few issues have had an overabundance of non-Alaska stuff. Problem is, I am just about out of material (you've heard that before). So any of you who have been holding out, this is the time. Obviously we would prefer an article that we can put on the front page, but shorter articles are always appreciated, and space fillers can find a home in almost any issue. News reports of a contemporary nature relating to token issuers are tiny gems. If you have run across any new issues, or older tokens that have not previously been reported, send us a photograph, or email us a scan and we will get them in.

Once again, I would like to thank all of you for bearing with me this summer. Obviously, I could not give the newsletter the attention that I have in the past. Things are getting back to an approximation of normal, and so should the newsletter.

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<b>Bethel</b> , NC Co., 50¢, B-2b	OB75.00NB
<b>Chisana</b> , Anderton, 25¢, B-1a	15.00OB
<b>Chisana</b> , Bank Coffee House, 50¢, B-2b	OB75.00NB
<b>Cordova</b> , C. House, H&C, 5¢, B-14a	OB50.00NB
<b>Cordova</b> , Johnston, 12½¢, B-21b	95.00OB
<b>Cordova</b> , Rainier Grand, 12½¢, B-33b	250.00OB
<b>Cordova</b> , Rosswog, 6¼¢, B-34b	OB45.00NB
<b>Eek</b> , McIntyre, 50¢	OB45.00NB
<b>Fairbanks</b> , Billiken Lounge, 25¢	9.25
<b>Fairbanks</b> , Billiken Lounge, \$1	5.00OB
<b>Gambell</b> , Reindeer CC, complete set, B-1	52.11
<b>Juneau</b> , Hotel Juneau, 5 and 10¢, B-37c,d	9.99OB
<b>Juneau</b> , Spickett & MacG, 6¼¢, B-67a	250.00OB
<b>(Katalla)</b> , Scandahovian, "23" unl.	1,203.00
<b>Koyukuk</b> , Evans, \$10, B-1f	295.00OB
<b>Latouche</b> , Little, 12½¢, B-2a	OB95.00NB
<b>(Palmer)</b> , ARRC Set, 1¢ to \$10, B-1	899.00OB
<b>(Palmer)</b> , ARRC Scrip Book	113.50
<b>Palmer</b> , Masonic Penny, B-3a	44.44
<b>Palmer</b> , Masonic Penny, B-3a	87.00
<b>Sitka</b> , AB Club, 10¢, B-1c	686.00
<b>Snug Harbor</b> , Pioneer, \$1.25 Bx, B-2a	OB45.00NB
<b>Valdez</b> , Copper Block, 12½¢ TC, B-4a	76.00
<b>Valdez</b> , Copper Block, 12½¢, B-4b	OB145.00NB
<b>Valdez</b> , Copper Block, 12½¢, B-4b	OB85.00NB
<b>Valdez</b> , CB Buffet, \$1, B-4cI	RLOB1,308.00NB
<b>Valdez</b> , P of A \$10 scrip, B-18b	OB40.00NB
<b>Whitehorse</b> , YT, TD&P, 25¢	OB29.95NB
<b>Whitehorse</b> , YT, TD&P, 25¢	RLOB29.95NB
<b>Whitehorse</b> , YT, TD&P, 50¢	OB29.95NB
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<b>Whitehorse</b> , YT, TD&P, \$1	RLOB29.95NB
<b>Whitehorse</b> , YT, TD&P, \$10	OB24.99NB
<b>Whitehorse</b> , YT, TD&P, \$10	OB49.95NB
<b>Whitehorse</b> , YT, TD&P, \$10	RLOB49.95NB
<b>AYPE Gold</b> , ¼ DWT, NGC-62	389.00
<b>AYPE Gold</b> , ½ DWT	146.38
<b>AYPE Gold</b> , ½ DWT, NGC-63	435.00
<b>AYPE Gold</b> , 1 DWT, ICG-58	213.50
<b>AYPE Gold</b> , 1 DWT	237.50
<b>AYPE Gold</b> , 3 pc set	736.88RNM
<b>AYPE Gold</b> , 3 pc set	787.00RNM
<b>AYPE Gold</b> , 3 pc set, NGC	BIN1,850.00NB
<b>Alaska Gold</b> , 2 TooWah, NGC-62	OB2,150.00NB
<b>Alaska Gold</b> , 2 TooWah, possibly brass	201.50
<b>Alaska Gold</b> , 2 TooWah, possibly brass	501.00
<b>Klondike Charm</b> , Gold	686.00

OB = Opening Bid NB = No Bid RL = relist  
 RNM = Reserve Not Met R = Reserve W = withdrawn  
 BIN = Buy it now DNS = Did Not Sell

# CAPE HORN MEDAL, CONT.

“The transit of Venus was duly recorded by the French scientists. Fortunately, though rain and cloud are the rule in those parts, when the hour for which they had prepared arrived the sky was clear, and they were able to observe the planet through their glasses and photograph her as she crept across the face of the sun.

“With their main task ended, they got ready to return to France, where they were later to publish nine or ten bulky volumes of information about Fireland - records destined to grow in value as the years roll by.”

The preceding is from *Uttermost Part of the Earth* by E. Lucas Bridges, E.P. Dutton and Company, New York, 1949.

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Further, from the eBay description:

“The International Polar Investigation 1882-83

“In May 1877, Count Wilczek and Dr. Karl Weyprecht (the Austro-Hungarian arctic explorer) published a suggested programme for an International Polar Expedition and this was discussed at the second International Meteorological Congress at Rome in April 1879. Here it was recommended that a committee meet in Hamburg on the following October to discuss the erection of a number of observatories in the arctic and antarctic regions to make simultaneous hourly meteorological and magnetic observations around the poles. The chairman of this committee was Dr. G. Neumayer, Director of the German Marine Observatory and there were representatives from Utrecht, Copenhagen, St. Petersburg, Paris, Christiania, Hamburg, Poland, Trieste and Lund. At the last session the committee constituted itself as the International Polar Commission with Neumayer as president and this commission met again in Bern in 1880 and St Petersburg in 1881 (Neumayer 1891). The expeditions were planned to coincide with the Transit of Venus on 6 December 1882 and the two in the Southern Hemisphere are relevant to our story. These were: - France: Tierra del Fuego; Germany: South Georgia.

## “Hyades, Hahn and Hariot: Tierra del Fuego 1882-83

“The *Romanche* (Captain L.-F. Martial) left Cherbourg on 17 July, 1882, with orders to establish a base near Cape Horn for observations on astronomy, meteorology, and magnetism, to survey the coast of Tierra del Fuego, and to make biological collections. Martial chose Orange Bay on the Hardy Peninsula (Ed. note:

on the southeastern end of Hoste Island) and anchored there on 6 September. The various prefabricated buildings, which housed a land party of 21, were erected in 45 days with the help of some 35 to 40 men each day (Martial, 1888). Of note was a photographic laboratory, apparently the first use of the new art by a southern expedition. Martial’s narrative lists 323 photographs of which 58 were published in the expedition reports. Botanical collections during the first 8 months were made by the ship’s doctors. Dr. Paul Hyades was based on shore and collected in the vicinity of Orange Bay, while Dr. Philippe Hahn accompanied the *Romanche*. They were later reinforced by M. Paul Hariot, botanical assistant at the Natural History Museum, Paris.”

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## KENTON’S MEMORIAL

Pictured below is the picnic area we have built in Kenton’s memory. In a previous life, this was the cow field at the Agriculture Experiment Station at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks but is now part of the Georgeson Botanical Garden. Since the Farm no longer has domestic livestock (they have reindeer), the field has been vacant for several years. The structure was originally a shade house for cows. It is at least 15 years old, and is in remarkably good condition. We leveled the area, lay ground cloth and spread gravel; built the retaining wall; built four picnic tables; and installed the barbecue pit (right center). The Inukshuk (left center) is by local artist Darlene Masiak, a friend we have known for many years. We will be planting trees around the top of the retaining wall to complete the project.

Jan, Rocki and I would like to thank all of you for your kind thoughts and generous donations, without which this would not have been possible.





# ARGENTINA HONORS FALKLANDS/MALVINAS VETERANS

We reported earlier on the Falklands coins commemorating the Falklands war 25 years ago. Argentina has now issued a commemorative 2 Pesos coin in two versions. The coins issued for circulation have a reeded edge (1,995,000) while the coins issued in a commemorative folder have a plain edge (5,000). The front of the folder can be seen below right, while the inside can be seen below. The coin can be seen in the right column, shown actual size.

A computer translation of the text inside the folder is shown below. While it this translation does not read well in English, one can easily get the meaning.

“On April 2 1982, an important military force Argentina disembarked in the Islands Falklands in order to recovering the government, by its ownership of national territory. The failure of the negotiations that continued to this fact, derived in a military clash with England, in which they intervened officials and noncommissioned officers of all the Forces Armed Argentinas: Army, Air Force, Armada, Prefectura Naval, National Police, and numerous conscripts soldiers quantity of all the regions of the pies.

After intense terrestrial and air-sea battles, June 14 was given for finalized the conflict armed by the recovery of the Islands, being continued the claim through the diplomatic channels before the different International Organizations.

After 25 years of the Exploit of Falklands homage is yielded, with the emission of a coins commemorative,



to all the soldiers that heroically risked and they gave their life by the country, leaving a track in our country that will be recalled by always.

The Falklands are Argentinas The Nation their Heroes”

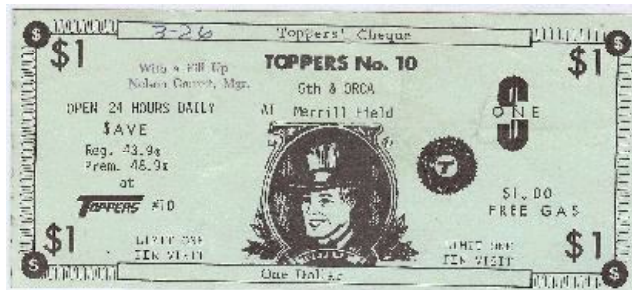
The Central Bank of the Republic of Argentina website indicates that there will also be silver and gold commemoratives.



# PAPER POTPOURRI



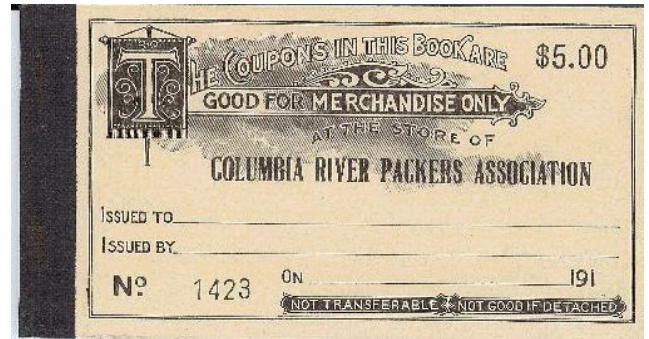
**ANCHORAGE:** Association of the Salvation Army, 1966, Good for one hearty meal at the Salvation Army Hostel, 8th and C St. Black on bluish green cardstock, 102mm by 59mm.



**ANCHORAGE:** Topper's No. 10, 5th and Orca at Merrill Field, \$1 black on pale green, 165mm by 77mm (submitted by Kaye Dethridge).



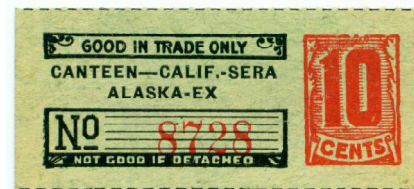
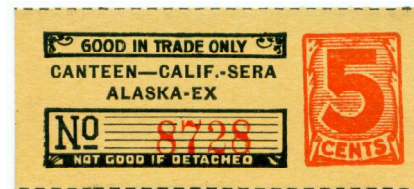
**FAIRBANKS:** Sullivan Motor Hotel, Save Wisely, Stretch your Dollar. Black and green on rubber! 148mm by 70mm (submitted by Kaye Dethridge).



**(NAKNEK):** Columbia River Packers Association booklet, 127mm by 70mm (submitted by Kaye Dethridge).



**(PALMER):** Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Division of the California Emergency Relief Administration. The booklet is 136mm by 53mm, chits 53mm by 24mm (submitted by Kaye Dethridge).



These chits were in the Hopfenmaier collection, and we never knew what they were. Obviously from the same booklet. Thanks, Kaye!



# FOR THE RECORD



**ANCHORAGE:** RCA Alascom, Suggestion Program, Lucky wooden dollar, red on wood (submitted by Robert M. Brown Jr.).



**FAIRBANKS:** King's Kup Rest., good for 1 drink, black on wood (submitted by Robert M. Brown Jr.).



**GAMBIER BAY:** Hoonah Packing Co., \$5 in trade. Brass, 25mm. Unlisted.



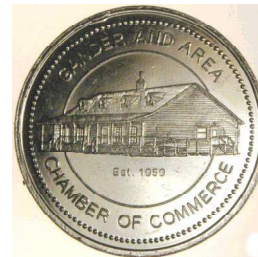
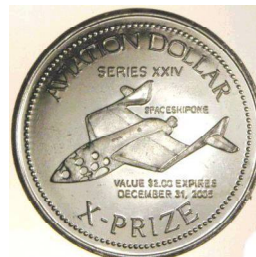
**(HOONAH):** Huna Totem Lodge, Good for one free drink with dinner. Black on orange plastic, 42mm.



**ALASKA:** Cacher Need Maintenance, Geocachealaska .org. Blue, white, black and green enamel, 25mm.



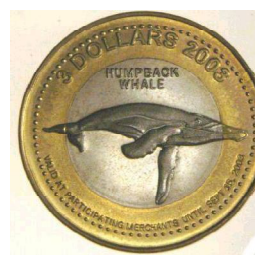
**ALASKA:** Alaska Military Youth Academy, Challenging the Future. Reverse is the serenity prayer. Appears to be cupronickel, 30mm.



**GANDER, NFLD.:** Gander and Area Chamber of Commerce Aviation Dollar, 2005. Nickel bonded steel, 33mm.



**STEADY BROOK, NFLD.:** 50 Years of incorporation, 2003, \$3 trade coin. Nickel bonded steel core, brass or aureate steel ring, 33mm.



**TRINITY BIGHT, NFLD.:** \$3 tradecoin. Nickel bonded steel core, brass or aureate steel ring, 33mm.

## ALLIES OF RUSSIA



From "The Russian-American Company, Correspondence of the Governors Communications Sent: 1818," translated by Richard Pierce, Limestone Press, 1984.

Page 32: February 10th, No. 56, Proposal to NA office.

"I enclose for safekeeping until requested [the following items] received by me this date from Mr. Collegiate Councillor and Cavalier Baranov, per instructions of the main office of 9 June 1816, #381:

"293 copies of white printed certificates from the NA office and a book for [recording] their use.

2 seals [shtempel] and one stamp [?lopatka] with the company emblem [kleimo], [and] various medals: gold, 1

large silver of first grade, 8

silver medium of 2nd grade, 110

silver badges [znachki], large with inscription "Allies of Russia" [Soiuznye Rossii], 11

silver [badges], medium, 59

tin badges, 28

ribbon of Order of Vladimir, wide, four arshins 11

vershoks; medium, 9 arshins 11 vershoks; narrow, 9 arshins 2 vershoks

ribbon for badges, taffeta, scarlet, medium 22 3/4

arshins; narrow 52 arshins

The office will enter [these] as income, and report the receipt to the Main Office and to me."

**Ed. Note:** This documents that the Allies of Russia medals were shipped to Russian America. See the October 1992 issue of ATC&PN for more information on the Allies of Russia medal. The following, from the same book, documents the presentation of a medal with the Czar's likeness to be worn with the Order of Vladimir ribbon noted above.

Page 137: October 21st, No. 230, Proposal to the NA Office.

"This office will please send to me from the silver medals in its keeping, five of the medium size and prepare the following charters [gramoty] with names of the recipients and reasons for the award. [These charters] are to be presented to me for signature:

"To the Chiniatsk toion Iakov Shelikhov for giving an example of good management by cultivating gardens, and an example of good behavior and devotion to the Russian State and lawful authority.

"To the Unal'chinsk [Unalga] toion Khariton for faithfulness and devotion to the Russian State, and for [giving] a good example for his fellow countrymen, while others erred.

"To the Chernovskii [Chernofski village, Unalaska] toion Aleksander Viat'kin, the same [as above].

"To the Shishal'dinsk settlement zakashchik Stepan Eminov, the same.

"To the zakashchik of the Gavan'skoe [harbor] settlement [Unalaska] Ivan Sedykh, the same."

**All five of the medal recipients are again mentioned in correspondence from Oct. 23rd, numbers 240 to 244, all with similar texts:**

"From the Chief Manager of the Under His Imperial Majesty Sovereign Emperor Aleksandr Pavlovich, Autocrat of All the Russias, etc. etc. etc.'s Protection Russian-American Company Russian American settlements.

"In the name of His Majesty, by virtue of the precepts and orders given tome, I award a medal, with His Supreme Imperial Majesty's likeness, to be worn on the neck with [an Order of St. Vladimir] ribbon, to.....May this mark of distinction which demonstrates his devotion serve to exact esteem of him by the Russians, their friendship and assistance, and inspire him to deeper feelings of devotion and fidelity to the Most August protector of the Company and execution of his laws....

**It would be interesting to see this medal, and the others listed!**